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FOR GARRISON FROM MATLOCK

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OGEN
SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. THE LAST BATCH OF NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS WE RECEIVED INCLUDED A NOTE ASKING IF THE CLIPPINGS WERE WORTHWHILE. THEY ARE INDEED. AMONG OTHER THINGS, THEY GIVE US A FEEL FOR WHAT SORT OF PRESS THE USSR IS GETTING IN THE WASHINGTON AREA, WHAT THE MOSCOW-BASED U.S. CORRESPONDENTS AND WIRE SERVICES ARE UP TO, AND WHAT EDITORIAL WRITERS AND COMMENTATORS ARE SAYING ABOUT TOPICS OF INTEREST. WE KNOW THAT THE TASK OF MARKING AND CLIPPING THE PAPERS IS TIME-CONSUMING, AND WE GREATLY APPRECIATE THE EFFORT. THE END PRODUCT IS VERY HELPFUL TO US. PLEASE KEEP THEM COMING.

2. FOR GLASSMAN: WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE POUCHED THE FOLLOWING:

(A) SEVERAL COPIES OF THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT IN ALL FIVE LANGUAGES;

(B) TWO COPIES OF CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE PAPER ON CONFIDENTIAL

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THEATER NUCLEAR FORCES (REF: STATE 7492); AND

(C) COPIES OF THE INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATES (BOTH A AND B GROUP) ON SOVIET MILITARY STRENGTH WHICH HAVE FUELED THE CURRENT DEBATE (OR IF NOT AVAILABLE, THE BEST REPORTS ON THESE PAPERS).

3. RE PNE FILES: TWO BOXES PNE CLASSIFIED FILES BEING SENT TO DEPARTMENT BY COURIER DEPARTING MOSCOW SATURDAY, JAN 22. ADDRESSED TO DEPARTMENT OF STATE, EUR/SOV, ROOM 4217, WASHINGTON. REGISTRY NO. 3585901, 1 OF 2; REGISTRY NO. 358902, 2 OF 2. ONLY FILE RETAINED IN MOSCOW IS 1976 "WORKING FILE" THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY SPECIAL CAPTIONS.

4. RE 76 MOSCOW 18474 AND THE PROBLEM OF ELIGIBILITY FOR TCP OF RECENT REPATRIATES TO USSR, YOU WILL RECALL WE LEARNED DURING VISIT OF CHARLIE STEIN FROM USMISSION GENEVA THAT INS HAD REFUSED TO PROCESS A FAMILY WE HAD SENT OUT BECAUSE THEY HAD LIVED IN THE USSR ONLY SINCE 1973. WE WANTED TO CHECK IN ADVANCE BEFORE WE ACCEPTED FOR TCP A SECOND FAMILY, THE GASTIAN FAMILY WHICH ARRIVED IN USSR FROM IRAN IN 1972. OUR RECOLLECTION IS THAT VO AND INS HAD VIRTUALLY REACHED AGREEMENT TO ACCEPT GALSTIAN FAMILY AND WE WERE TO RECEIVE A FRONT CHANNEL REPLY TO OUR 76 MOSCOW 18474. WE HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED THE REPLY.

5. MEANWHILE, WE INADVERTENTLY INVITED GALSTIAN AND FAMILY TO MOSCOW, PROBABLY BECAUSE THE CASE WAS NOT CLEARLY RECOGNIZABLE TO OUR LOCAL EMPLOYEES AS A PROBLEM CASE. WE HAVE INFORMED GALSTIAN THAT WE COULD NOT IMMEDIATELY PROCESS HIM AND THEY HAVE MOVED INTO A HOTEL TO WAIT. AS WE SEE IT, WE COULD ISSUE THEM PROFORMA STAMPS SINCE WE LONG AGO PROPOSED THEM FOR TCP (76 MOSCOW 17787) AND HAVE RECEIVED NO NOTICE TO STOP PROCESSING. INS ROME WAS INFO FOR 76 MOSCOW 18474. ON THE OTHER HAND, WE ARE RELUCTANT TO MOVE AHEAD WITHOUT CHECKING WITH YOU SINCE THE PROBLEM WAS RAISED IN THE FRONT CHANNEL. WOULD EITHER SOV OR VO HAVE OBJECTIONS TO OUR CONFIDENTIAL

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COMPLETING TCP ON THIS FAMILY? WE WOULD APPRECIATE REPLY ASAP SINCE FAMILY HAS BOTH ELDERLY PARENTS AND YOUNG CHILDREN. TOON

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